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SUBJECT:RHODESIA: ALLEGATIONS OF NIGERIAN VETO OVER
RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS POSTED MAY 11 IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTION TAKEN AT MAY 10 NOON BRIEFING. BEGIN TEXT:

Q - SECRETARY VANCE IS QUOTED IN THE JOHANNESBURG STAR AS
HAVING SAID IN SALISBURY THAT US SUPPORT FOR ANY SETTLE-
MENT IS CONTINGENT UPON NIGERIAN ACCEPTANCE OF IT.

A - IN THEIR MEETINGS IN SALISBURY WITH THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL SECRETARIES VANCE AND OWEN AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONALLY
ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

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- OBVIOUSLY, WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH NIGERIA
AND THE FRONT LINE STATES IN THE SETTLEMENT EFFORT.

- HOWEVER, AT NO TIME DID THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TEAM STATE
THAT ITS SUPPORT FOR A SETTLEMENT WAS CONTINGENT UPON THAT
OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

- WE WILL SUPPORT WHAT IS DEMONSTRABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN PRINCIPLES. NIGERIA SHARES THIS VIEW AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARMONIOUSLY WITH THAT GOVERNMENT.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY CABLE PERTINENT PORTION OF STAR ARTICLE WHICH,WE BELIEVE, APPEARED ON MAY 9. VANCE

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